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SPEAKER: I haven't announced the vote -

SENATOR PROUD: I have an announcement after you finish it.

SPEAKER: Oh, thank you, all those opposed to advancing the bill say no, hearing none, so ordered. LB 69 is advanced. Now Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Mr. President, I received some inquiry about whether or not we are going to take off on Washington's birthday, February 22nd, we do have hearings scheduled for that date, and I believe Mr. Clerk in the past sometimes we have, sometimes we have not, and my independent judgement is that we should go right ahead with our legislative business, but if some of you feel differently, I wish you would now so express yourselves. If not then we plan on meeting on February 22. Mr. Clerk, oh the 19th, under the new law, well regardless when we officially, the holiday you say is the 19th?

CLERK: It's on a Monday and is the 19th, and there are no hearings set as of this date.

SENATOR PROUD: Well, then again as far as I'm concerned we will still go right on with our legislative business, but now is the time to speak up, I didn't realize that it was the 19th under our present law, is there any discussion on that, is there anybody here that wants to take off the 19th. If not we will meet the 19th as usual, and of course the 22nd.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President and members of the body, the only consideration I would take that the state, county, and local officials do all recognize this holiday, and so all offices will be closed down.

SPEAKER: The Chair would add that the normal procedure in the Capitol and in the state offices is that of course, to maintain a skeleton force for the convenience for the Senators in case there should be some inquiry. The Chair recognizes Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President I'd like to ask the Speaker of the House, Lincoln's birthday is next Monday, has there been any consideration to taking off next Monday?

SENATOR PROUD: There has not Senator Whitney.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: I am concerned now since there will have to be a skeleton force maintained here if we are in session on that day, and Senator Proud, I don't know did you take that into consideration, some people will have to come back to work in all the state offices if we are in session? If we are not of course, they won't maintain the skeleton force, is that correct?

SPEAKER: That is correct, that is the usual procedure.

SENATOR PROUD: I had considered that Senator and I realize that it may place a small burden on some people, if this body thinks that burden is too much, then we can take the day off, but perhaps Mr. President we should have some indication on the board here of what the body wishes to do, all those in, how about all those in favor of continuing right on through indicate by green button and those opposed the other way?